

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-21 are presented for examination. Claims 14 and 15 are currently amended. Claims 16-21 are new. No claim is currently cancelled. Claim 6 was previously cancelled in a prior Office Action Response.

Claims 1-5 and 7-13 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowance of these claims.

Claim 15 was objected to for being dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicants thank the Examiner and have written claim 15 in independent form, including all the limitations of its base claim 14. Claim 15 is believed to now be in condition for allowance.

In a telephone interview with Examiner Budd, it was explained that the Office Action had interpreted the last line of claim 14 to mean that the claimed rotor was free to rotate about a stationary axis of rotation.

Claim 14 has been amended to better recite that the center of rotation of the rotor is movable in a circular arc. None of the cited prior art teach or suggest a rotor having an axis of rotation that is movable in a circular arc.

New claims 16 and 17 depend from independent claim 7, new claims 18 and 19 depend from independent claim 14, and new claims 20 and 21 depend from independent claim 15. New claims 16-21 are thus believed to be allowable based at least on the allowability of their respective base claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application.

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